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Booker T. Washington.

In the life of no other man of American birth has the truth that "the republic is opportunity" been quite so signally illustrated as in that of Booker T. Washington. Many men born in lowliest conditions have risen to great usefulness and distinction; but they were of the governing race, and in their hardest struggles were encouraged and assisted by that fact. Here was a man born a slave, and, after freedom, hampered for some years by the turbulence and contentions affecting his race resulting from the civil war. Out of a sort of chaos he came, and as a citizen wrote his name among the most helpful of his generation. He put both races and all classes under obligations to him for services which have received recognition throughout both this country and Europe. And all this he had accomplished when but little past middle life.

It is of importance to note not only Dr. Washington's unusual ability, but his great sanity of judgment, so to say. At a time when too many of the young men of his race were willing to be the tools of selfish politicians, and in that way contributors to the embarrassments of both races, he made choice of activities bound to result, and that did result, in widespread good to both. He saw the black man's need, and set himself the task of helping to supply it. How well he succeeded is attested by the institution he established, and the extraordinary work it has accomplished.

Sane also was Dr. Washington in selecting his field of operation. He saw that the black man as a native of the south and familiar with its industries would find as a free man his best opportunities there, and could hope to improve them only through co-operation with the white man. He must make himself capable, and become industrious and law-abiding; and in doing that he would appeal to the sympathy and secure the assistance of his powerful white neighbor.

The calculation was well made. Tuskegee is the fruit of a black man's ambition strengthened and furthered by the recognition of white men, north and south. Without that recognition Dr. Washington could have done nothing. With it he improved labor throughout the south, and offered to men of his race in other parts of the country an example which many have followed. Better cabins in the loneliest country places, a quickened interest in schools, savings in banks, and business enterprises, all testify to the influence of this man on the people of his race of his day and generation.

Its founder is gone, but Tuskegee survives, a growing instrument for good; and those who control its fortunes have a great responsibility in choosing a successor to the former slave who by force of native ability and character became an educator, an administrator, a writer and a speaker of nation-wide influence and international reputation.

Torpedoing below the waterline is entitled to about as much respect in international quarrels as hitting below the belt would have in pugilism.

Democracy and the Tariff.

Among the visiting statesmen participating in the recent Kentucky campaign was Senator Lewis of Illinois. He confined himself to national issues, and, probably because Mr. Fairbanks of Indiana was in the state performing a like service for the republicans, made a specialty of the tariff.

At Mount Sterling, a thriving town only a few hours distant by fast train from Louisville, where resides Henry Watterson, Mr. Lewis at a democratic meeting said this:

"I assert that no intelligent man would urge that the adoption of either of the past tariff systems—that of the unqualified high prohibition of any imports to this country, known as protective tariff of the republicans, or that of other of no tariff beyond that for the purpose of raising revenue, for the democrats—could be appropriately applied as conserving the uses of the future and as fitting to the future welfare of America."

It is difficult to imagine the effect of such sentiments on an audience reared from infancy in the doctrine of a tariff for revenue only, and assured seven days in the week that all other kinds of tariff were "robberies under the forms of law." Still, the audience had itself well in hand, and Mr. Lewis was permitted to proceed.

Presently this startling statement was made:

"The day of strict protective tariff of the republicans or that of tariff only for revenue of the democratic party is ended for the present generation. Europe will shortly be in the

condition that America was at the close of the civil war. She will need to be built up from the products of other countries. To prohibit the raw products of Europe to America under past republican theory would be to deny to America the raw material out of which to make up the manufactured article to sell to Europe, from which we could enrich ourselves to allow the manufactured article of Europe to come without limit to this country as a democratic theory, the goods to be sold at such price as Europe could take in order to obtain money to build up her wasted places, would be to overcome our own many faults and slay the possibility of establishing in America plants to take the place of those which heretofore in Europe served the uses of America and the world."

Again the audience must have gasped. But it did not lose control of itself, and the distinguished visitor received most respectful attention to the end of his discourse, according to the requirements of true hospitality.

In considering this remarkable utterance, two things should be borne in mind about the author: (1) He will take part in the coming tariff debate in the Senate, and (2) there is a boom for him for Vice President, conditioned on a sort of warning that if Mr. Marshall is not "good" in his rulings on cloture it may be thought necessary to find a new running-mate for Mr. Wilson next year.

How much this speech had to do with the dropping of the democratic majority in Kentucky from thirty thousand to three hundred is a question as yet undecided. The responsibilities have not as yet been accurately determined. Defeat of prohibition in the primary must bear a share. Democratic misgovernment of local affairs played a part. But surely this assault on "a tariff for revenue only" within the bailiwick of the Star-eyed Goddess of Reform must account in some measure for the election result.

Mr. Watterson—busy with other things probably—has not yet found the time to accept the challenge issued on his own threshold; but when he does, as surely he will, the Illinois senator should hear something worth his while—"hear something drop."

Alexandria County's Progress.

The assessor of Alexandria county, Va., has reported a land valuation of \$7,742,030, which is nearly twice as much as reported five years ago. This increase is a most gratifying showing, and is particularly pleasing to the people of this city. A number of years ago Alexandria county was in the grip of those who were utilizing it for the promotion of illegal enterprises, largely at the expense of this community. All sorts of gambling schemes were conducted there, and low dives flourished, with the result that the county was socially retrograde, and was at the same time a serious moral menace to the District. Thanks to the co-operation of the state authorities these conditions were cured, and from the day of the victory over the unwholesome elements that had taken advantage of the county's weakness it began to improve. Affording exceptional advantages for suburban development, it has progressed rapidly during the past decade. The showing just made of a land value advance to nearly seven and three-quarter millions is the best possible proof of the eradication of the lawlessness which formerly discouraged migration into the county of home seekers. It may be questioned whether any similar territory in this vicinity has made so marked an advance in percentage, and the people of Alexandria county are to be warmly congratulated upon their prosperity and progress.

Queen Sophia of Greece, who is restraining her country from joining the allies, has asserted remarkable political power, without making any special point of votes for women.

The fact that a country is neutral cannot make it headquarters for the promotion of all kinds of conspiracy, including attacks on its own welfare.

The recall of diplomatic officials is assuming such active importance as to put the question of the recall of judges into the background.

Like many other investigations, the tax rate has produced some rather involved answers to what is really a very simple question.

The motto of the submarine should not become "let the protests fall where they may."

Greece and the Fighting Powers.

The Greek puzzle is no nearer a solution. The king has dissolved the chamber of deputies and called for an election in December. The central powers have made representations at Athens regarding the landing of allied troops at Saloniki, and the Greek government has replied that inasmuch as Saloniki is an open port its use by the troops of England and France is not a violation of Greek neutrality, but indicates that if any neutral act occurs Greece will act promptly. This evasion of the issue is taken to indicate that King Constantine is not assured as to the attitude of his people and is seeking to maintain the best possible relations with the allied powers, while not granting them any other than the negative aid of the use of Saloniki, in order to maintain equally a relationship of friendliness with Germany and Austria. Of course, such a policy of division is not possible of indefinite continuation. Italy is dissatisfied with the situation, especially since the decision of the min-

istry at Rome to take a hand in the Balkan campaign. It is reported that a powerful fleet of allied warships is lying under steam at Malta ready for a descent upon the Greek coast in the event of any hostile action. With an agreement between Greece and Bulgaria relative to the conditions growing out of the latter's participation against Serbia and with German officers of high rank making a special mission to Athens, where they are received with almost royal honors, the predilection of Constantine for the central powers and their new ally is obvious. But Constantine is not in a position recklessly to defy the entente powers, with a long sea-coast exposed to attack and with a large and steadily increasing number of French and English soldiers at Saloniki or within a few hours of Greek soil. Furthermore, although Venizelos has for the time been suppressed by the expedient of dissolution, he remains a powerful factor for the evoking of a reaction against the pro-German inclinations of the crown. Unless the central powers progress more rapidly in the opening of a through line to Constantinople and the establishment of a strong frontier against the allied army Constantine will soon be compelled to decide between a continued neutrality that is pro-German in spirit, but pro-ally in fact and a positive pro-ally position.

Unfortunately the world is not yet educated to a point where it can be relied on to adopt Mr. Bryan's peace maxims in full confidence that their beauty will inspire the respect even of an envious foe. The world has not even advanced far enough to appreciate fully the practical value of that rudimentary adage, "Honesty is the best policy."

Suggestions that Americans ought not to travel at this time, whatever may be the exigencies of personal situation, continue to meet with indorsement from submarine commanders and prize court officials.

A member of Congress who does not believe in preparedness may as well be prepared to explain to some of his thoughtful and influential constituents.

Investigations as to plots have not yet led to anything so shocking as a discovery that Dr. Dernburg did more than talk while he was in this country.

Gen. Goethals may as well contemplate the Panama canal as a sufficient life employment even for the world's greatest engineer.

The Krupp expenditures for the relief of families left destitute by war represent a remarkably interesting conscience fund.

The effort to hold Germany responsible for the loss of the Ancona probably will not cause Austria to feel slighted.

Some of the European policies seem to suggest that American ocean travelers go into voluntary internecine.

Foot ball gives the college men some valuable education in being good winners or losers.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

The Luxury of Disdain.

"What is your dog's pedigree?" "He hasn't any," replied Mr. Growcher. "That's why I keep him around. I'm shy on distinguished ancestry myself and I enjoy having a creature at hand whom I can contemplate with supercilious superiority."

A Mere Trifler.

"Monst'g perils to the ships that float At present on the main, The man who used to rock the boat Seems almost safe and sane!"

Kindly Consideration.

"What is your objection to me for a son-in-law?" asked the energetic young man. "I don't object to you," replied Mr. Cumrox. "If I seem kind of diffident when you're around, it's because I like you. I'm just wondering how it's going to be when mother and the girls quit welcoming you as a distinguished visitor and begin to treat you like one of the family."

Change of Programs.

"How do you like your new apartment?" "First rate. The people next door have some music that we never heard before."

Bad habits are particularly irritating because so many people have the bad taste to enjoy the kind you don't see any sense in.

Sad Suggestion!

Oh, now and then I hear a wail Of patriotic ire In tones that cause me without fail To tremble and admire. And yet suspicion leaves a trace Of discord in the thrill—Some other fellow has the place That he would like to fill.

His rhetoric is keen and strong. His theories sound good. His logic seems to step along As human reason should—And yet—the thought comes like a stab!

It almost makes me sob—I wonder if he's out to grab Some other fellow's job.

A Reasonable Prophecy.

From the Boston Herald. Very likely the goosebone prognosticators have hit it right again in saying: "About now look out for colder weather, maybe with snow."

Palais Royal

A. Lisner, G and 11th Sts.

Hours:
9 to 6

The Star artist has sketched three styles of the coats that are to go on sale tomorrow. Word pictures are printed to the right hand.



"Onyx" Hose Sale Prices

\$1 "Onyx" 79c	75c "Onyx" 59c
For Tomorrow,	For Tomorrow,
50c "Onyx" 35c	25c "Onyx" 19c
For Tomorrow,	For Tomorrow,

Regular patrons—those wearing "Onyx" Hose regularly—must not be offended because not more than two pairs of any lot will be allowed each purchaser. The idea of the sale is to introduce the "Onyx" to a multitude not yet wearing these hose. Their merits will make many new patrons who will become permanent wearers of "Onyx." Note that the special sale prices continue only until 5,000 pairs are distributed.



Corsets
\$1.50
Values to \$8.00.

Look for these Corsets tomorrow—on Street Floor Tables—rear of elevators. All sizes will be found in one style or another—but should you happen to be less than the average size then be positively assured of \$3.00 to \$8.00 Corsets at only \$1.50.

The habit of a daily visit to these street floor tables—rear of these elevators—should be acquired. Get the habit—and profit thereby.

PALAIS ROYAL
A. Lisner G Street.

Blouses—Very Special at \$2.95, \$3.95 & \$5

Tailored Models at \$2.95

Judge by the tailoring—the fit at neck and shoulders—and these are the \$5.00 Blouses they imitate. Note the quality of materials—heavy taffeta silk in suit shades; Georgette crepe, plain and embroidered; washable silks of colored stripes; crepe de chine in combination with lace.

Superb Models at \$3.95

These are the New Tailored Blouses with flat collars—of radium silk combined with Georgette crepe, beautified with touches of embroidery.

Elaborated Models at \$5.00

These reproduce the exclusive styles of 5th avenue, New York. Here's one—of all-over shadow lace with flesh-color bodice extending back and front. The lace collar can be worn high or low. The long sleeves elaborated with lace frills. Here's an English tailored model—of crepe de chine with tiny frills at collar and cuffs.

Third Floor—Blouse Shop—6 elevators.

Binner CORSET

Madame Mara of New York is here with a complete stock of the latest Binner models—assurance positive of the ideal corset for your particular form.

Note that Binner Corsets are made only superlatively best—low priced at \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Demonstration Tomorrow—Third Floor Parlors.

The "Zebra" Coat at \$14.50

Pictured to the Left Hand of the Group Sketched Below.

The name is significant of the striped material. The large chin-chin collar is of sealette. And note the new belt effect. The price—\$14.50—is five fifty less than being asked the past week in the New York stores.

The Corduroy Coat at \$29.50

Shown in the Center Figure of Miss Rochon's Artistic Group.

If the artist has erred in this sketch—it is making the coat appear shorter than it really is—which is fully 52 inches. Of course, the colors have to be lacking—they are rich blues, greens, taupe and black. With 9-inch belt, real seal buttons and collar and cuffs of sealette, the coat looks all its actual value, which is \$35.00.

The "Esquinette" Coat at \$27.50

Pictured to the Right Hand of Our Artist's Group.

Salt of England—his name world famous for fabric furs. Witness this "Esquinette" Plush, made into the coat pictured here. When you see and feel this plush the meaning of "fabric fur" will be more fully appreciated. The large roll collar is convertible—can be made high. Lined with Skinner's satin and tailored to perfection, this coat has all the appearance of an expensive fur garment.

The "Kitty Gordon" Coat, \$29.50

A Reproduction of an Imported Model Costing \$50.00.

Not pictured here—arrived only late Saturday. This "Kitty Gordon" model is of velvetlike velour, in green and tan, made with the newest flare. With deep flounce and collar of sealette, satin lining and perfect tailoring, this coat has all the appearance of its imported prototype.

The "Mountain Breeze" Coat, \$29.50

Another Velour Coat That's the Rage in London Today.

At the Palais Royal only in Washington—and one other famous retail establishment in New York. Sizes are here for both misses and women—in green, apricot, brown, navy and black. On sale for the first time tomorrow morning—in Third Floor Parlors

"Mérode" (Hand Finished) Underwear

The Palais Royal "Mérode Week" is associated with the distribution of 2,500 garments at special prices that will suggest a supply for the entire winter of 1915-1916.

50c Grade 39c	75c Grade 59c
For Tomorrow,	For Tomorrow,
\$1.00 Grade 75c	\$1.25 Grade 85c
For Tomorrow,	For Tomorrow,

At 39c instead of 50c are Women's and Children's Medium and Heavy Weight Vests, Pants and Tights. At 59c instead of 75c are Women's Fleece and Medium-weight Union Suits. At 75c instead of \$1.00 are Women's Union Suits with long and short sleeves, high, Dutch and low necks knee and ankle lengths.

Now Come Sample Suits

Sizes 36 and 38 Only.

Fur Trimmed and Braided

Just From New York.

\$19.50

Worth to \$45.00

Tomorrow—On Third Floor.

The best values of this winter of 1915-1916. The Holiday Season is now on—in the wholesale market—and all the sample Suits of New York's two leading makers, famous for women's man-tailored garments, are acquired and offered at only \$19.50 for choice. Ready tomorrow—on Third Floor.

Last-moment styles, reproductions of expensive models collected from the leading New York stores and made to special order of the Palais Royal.

